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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: D.M. Pasiewicz |
| YASUHIKO SHIOMI, ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2622 |
| Application No.: 09/972,995 |) | |
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| Filed: October 10, 2001 |) | |
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| For: SIGNAL DIFFERENCE |) | July 13, 2006 |
| CORRECTION OF PICTURE | : | |
| SIGNALS READ FROM |) | |
| MULTIPLE READOUT TYPE | : | |
| IMAGE SENSING DEVICE |) | |

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE AND EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Sir:

I. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability mailed June 29, 2006, the Examiner listed reasons for the allowance of the claims. However, the features noted by the Examiner do not accurately reflect what is recited in each of the independent claims. In particular, the noted difference between the prior art and the claims does not track the language recited in Claims 1 and 26. Moreover, Claim 26 is directed to

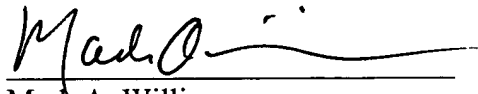
a method. Nevertheless, the claims are believed to be allowable for their combination of claimed features.

II. Comments on Examiner's Amendment

In the Examiner's Amendment, the claims were amended along the lines agreed during the telephonic interview of June 15, 2006, with one exception. It was also agreed to include the term --set-- between "the" and "correction parameter" in the replacement language at line 3 of Claim 33.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Williamson", written over a horizontal line.

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